

with me on my itinerations in the cold season.

"A large number of candidates for baptism met in the *meia*. They were from the surrounding villages, and took advantage of our being near to be baptized. 64 were baptized in our Mission, 85 in the other.

"When they were baptized the Mohammedans and Hindoos gathered round, wondering what had come over the *Chukras*, as they call the aboriginal tribes, that they should become Christians. In the *meia* the sight of so many men gathering together for prayer to the Christian's God filled them with consternation and alarm: "Our servants Christians, what is to become of us?" And well may they ask the question. I believe these outcast tribes will soon be higher than all others in the social scale, because the Gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. . . .

"Since the *meia* we have baptized 21, making in all 85, men, women and children, admitted into the Church since I wrote last.

"Inquirers are coming from all quarters, and a widespread movement is going on . . . We have adherents in 27 villages. Mr. Nairn Mal has raised over 200 rupees for the Amoutrah church. The mission has given 30 rupees for the roof. We ought to be thankful that the villagers are so willing to do their part, and I trust we shall speedily see them an independent and liberal-minded people."

### THE POWER OF EXAMPLE.



R. J. R. MILLER of Philadelphia, in his "Silent Times," gives the following incident, which illustrates the power of unconscious influence:

A young man, away from home, slept in the same room with another young man, a stranger. Before retiring for the night, he knelt down, as was his wont, and silently prayed. His companion had long resisted the grace of God, but this noble example aroused him, and was the means of his awakening. In old age he testified, after a life of rare usefulness, "Nearly half a century has rolled away, with all its multitudinous events, since then; but that little chamber, that humble couch, that silent praying youth, are still present to my imagination, and will never be forgotten amid the splendours of Heaven and through the ages of eternity." It was but a simple act of common faithfulness, unostentatious, and without thought or purpose of doing good, save as the prayer would bless his own soul; yet there went out from it an

unconscious influence, which gave to the world a ministry of rare power and value.

We do not realize the importance of this unconscious part of our life-ministry. It goes on continually. In every greeting we give to another on the street, in every moment's conversation, in every letter we write, in every contact with other's lives, there is a subtle influence that goes from us that often reaches farther, and leaves a deeper impression, than all the things themselves that we are doing at the time. After all, it is life itself, sanctified life, that is God's holiest and most effective ministry in this world—pure, sweet, patient, earnest, unselfish, loving life. It is not so much what we do in this world as what we are, that tells in spiritual results and impressions. A good life is like a flower, which, though it neither toil nor spin, yet ever pours out a rich perfume, and thus performs a holy ministry.

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